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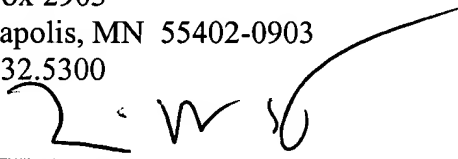
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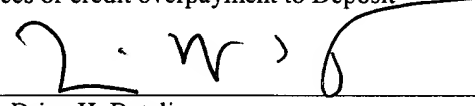
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	5,2096,168	3.17.92	TAKEHARA et al.			
	2,946,582	7.26.60	G.P. B. MARTIN			
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	5,009,451	4.23.91	HAYASHI ET AL.			
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